

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 363

By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Pleasant View 7-8 Girls Softball Team upon winning the state tournament and advancing to the final game of the World Series.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those exemplary athletes and athletic teams who have attained the ultimate laurel in sporting competition, namely a championship title; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is the 7- and 8-year-old softball team from Pleasant View; the All-Stars have displayed their remarkable pitching, hitting, and defensive skills against tough competition, claiming the 2006 Dixie Youth State Tournament Championship for their division; and

WHEREAS, this undefeated team was the first from the Pleasant View Athletic Association to win a state championship; the team then advanced to the World Series and finished in second place as national runners-up; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in tournament history, the All-Stars of Pleasant View not only won the title, but also won the Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant View 7- and 8-year-old softball team has achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2006 season; and

WHEREAS, the players for this year's championship team are Taylor Binkley, Abigail Bliss, Josie Bumpus, Ashley Catignani, Meagan Clanton, Brittany Crosby, Kendall Denney, Melody Fisher, Colby Hunter, Katie Roberts, Rebecca Shearron, and Taylor Shone; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding players benefited greatly from the expertise and hard work of their coaches, who taught these young athletes many valuable lessons about softball and about life; these coaches are Head Coach Kent Bliss, Assistant Head Coach Lea Hunter, Tim Binkley, and Derek Denney; and

WHEREAS, at a City Hall meeting, the Mayor of Pleasant View presented each team member and coach with a certificate and informed the team that he had asked the Parks and Recreation Task Force to look into adding the team's name to the scoreboard at Balthrop Park as a permanent marker for the team's incredible year; and

WHEREAS, this team was an inspiration to all the citizens of Cheatham County, who were unified in support of these outstanding young ladies, their dedicated coaches, and their parents; and

WHEREAS, championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the All-Stars exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout, the young ladies from Pleasant View conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant View All-Stars displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for championship laurels, and they should be commended for attaining this lofty goal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the 7- and 8-year-old Dixie Youth softball team of Pleasant View on winning the 2006 State Championship. These outstanding young athletes are worthy ambassadors of the Volunteer State, and we wish them much continued success in their future endeavors, both on and off the diamond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.